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SUBJECT : BANDA AND RHODESIA, BANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS ON RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA FROM PRESIDENT BANDA'S COMMENTS TO ME AND AMBASSADOR STEVENSON DURING HOUR CONVERSATION OCTOBER 30 AT STATE HOUSE IN ZOMBA. ON RHODESIA, BANDA DESCRIBED HIS ACTIVE CURRENT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SMITH AND THE ANC. ON SOUTH AFRICA, IT WAS VINTAGE BANDA: TYPICAL EGOCENTRIC IMMODESTY COMBINED WITH SOLID CONVICTION OF THE MERITS OF DIALOGUE RATHER THAN OSTRACISM. MAJOR POINTS IN OUR CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS WILL BE REPORTED IN SUBSEQUENT SEPTTEL, INCLUDING SURPRISING WAFFLE ON CAMBODIAN AND KOREAN  
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ISSUES IN U.N. AMBASSADOR STEVENSON MAY BE CABLING ADDITIONAL

DETAILS SEPARATELY FROM EMBASSY BLANTYRE.

1. RHODESIA. BANDA SAID HIS INTEREST IN RHODESIAN PROBLEM WENT BACK TO OAU MEETINGS IN CAIRO AND ACCRA IN MID SIXTIES WHERE HE HAD BEEN A SOLITARY VOICE PLEADING FOR DIALOGUE AND COMMON SENSE IN FACE OF BANDWAGON-STYLE MOVES TO EMPLOY FORCE AGAINST THE WHITE SEPARATISTS. HE CITED NKRUMAH IN PARTICULAR, WHO HAD SENT SPECIAL PLANE TO CARRY HIM TO ACCRA MEETING IN 1965 AND TRIED HARD ENLIST HIS SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONTINENT-WIDE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST RHODESIA. ALTHOUGH NKRUMAH WAS

"OLD FRIEND" FROM FIVE YEARS BANDA SPENT IN GHANA AS MEDICAL DOCTOR IN FIFTIES, BANDA OPPOSED NKRUMAH'S SCHEME. HE SAID HE HAS ALWAYS PREFERRED DIALOGUE TO CONFRONTATION. IN RHODESIAN CASE HE HAD DISCUSSED CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM WITH NEW RHODESIAN

FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER BEIL (PHONETIC) SINCE THE RECENT ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS WITH HIS PREDECESSOR. VAN DER BEIL TOLD HIM ANC HAD BEEN WILLING ACCEPT A DEAL INVOLVING SIX ADDITIONAL SEATS IN PARLIAMENT. SINCE ANC SECRETARY GENERAL CHAVUNDUKA HAD GIVEN BANDA QUITE DIFFERENT INFORMATION, BANDA TOLD VAN DER BEIL TO SEND ANC DEPUTY PRESIDENT GABELLAH TO HIM IN ORDER THAT HE COULD CROSS-CHECK HIS INFORMATION. WHEN GABELLAH SHOWED UP, HE CONFIRMED THAT BISHOP MUSOREWA HAD INDEED ACCEPTED THE SIX-SEAT FORMULA ONLY TO BE OVERRULED BY THE ANC. BANDA HAS HAD RECENT TALKS IN ZOMBA ON THIS SUBJECT WITH "THE MR. HELMS" OF RHODESIA (WE TOLD HIM IT WAS NOW BILL COLBY), AND IS CURRENTLY ENTERTAINING A FOUR-MAN ANC DELEGATION (BABELLAH, CHAVUNDUKA, KACHIDJA, AND ONE OTHER) IN MALAWI IN ORDER FIND OUT FROM THEM "WHAT THEIR MAXIMUM POSITION IS AND WHAT IS MINIMUM THEY WILL ACCEPT FROM SMITH." HE WILL SOON CALL "MR. COLBY" OR RHODESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BACK TO ZOMBA TO DETERMINE CORRESPONDING RHODESIAN BARGAINING LIMITS. HE BRIGHTENED WHEN I SUGGESTED THE ROLE HE APPEARED TO BE PLAYING REGARDING ANC ANDSMITH WAS SIMILAR TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ROLE OF DEFINING BARGAINING POSITIONS FOR DISENGAGEMENT OF EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FORCES FROM ISRAELI FORCES. HE APPEARED PLEASED WHEN I TOLD HIM I HAD FOUND WORTHWHILE THE BRIEF CONVERSATION I HAD HAD WITH THESE ANC REPRESENTATIVES (BLANTYRE'S 1421). I TOLD HIM OUR KNOWLEDGE WAS LIMITED ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN RHODESIA  
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BUT WE HOPED MAJORITY RULE WOULD COME PEACEFULLY AND SOON. HE SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SHARE WITH US WHATEVER HE LEARNED IN THIS REGARD.

2. SOUTH AFRICA. WITH TYPICAL EGOCENTRIC IMMODESTY BANDA ATTRIBUTED MUCH OF RECENT PROGRESS IN RACIAL MATTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO HIS VISIT THERE IN 1971. HE SAID HE WAS TOLD IN STRONGEST TERMS BY HIS AFRICAN BROTHERS THAT HE SHOULD NOT GO,

HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A TRAITOR TO AFRICA, ETC. BUT HE WENT ANYWAY, AND THUS IT WAS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES VORSTER AND HIS COLLEAGUES ATE AT THE SAME TABLE WITH A BLACK MAN. HE STILL RECEIVED LETTERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA PRAISING HIS VISIT. I TOLD HIM ABOUT JIM BAKER'S ASSIGNMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT HIS BREAKING THE ICE. I EXPLAINED OUR POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN -WITHOUT REVEALING OUR STRATEGY ON THE EXPULSIONVOTE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED. HE IMPLIED HE WOULD VETO EXPULSION WERE IT UP TO HIM.  
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